

# Planning and Development Department Update

**DATE:** November 21, 2014  
**TO:** Mayor Setti D. Warren  
**FROM:** James Freas, Acting Director of Planning and Development  
**RE:** Friday Report  
**CC:** Board of Aldermen  
Maureen Lemieux, Chief of Staff and Chief Financial Officer  
Dori Zaleznik, Chief Administrative Officer



This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

<b>Monday 11/24/14</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zoning &amp; Planning Committee, 7:45 p.m., Room 202</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 11/25/14</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newton Historical Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 202</li><li>• Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 p.m., Aldermanic Chamber</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 11/26/14</b>	
<b>Thursday 11/27/14</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thanksgiving – City Hall Closed</li></ul>

- **Zoning & Planning Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:45 p.m. in Room 202 and will be discussing **#80-13**, update on the Zoning Reform project. **Contact James Freas at 617.796.1138 or [jfreas@newtonma.gov](mailto:jfreas@newtonma.gov).**
- **Newton Historical Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 202. The following requests will be heard: **1058 Beacon Street**, Landmark report request; **7 Norman Road**, preservation restriction request; demolition requests for the following properties: **74 Ruane Road, 962 Walnut Street, 974 Dedham Street, 259 Cherry Street, 28 Jameson Road, 93-95 Athelstane Road, 94 Harwich Road**; demo request for the following garages, both listed on the National Register: **658 Chestnut Street** and **1004 Center Street**; and waivers of the demo delay for the following: **207 Varick Road** and **1453 Center Street**. A waiver of demo delay was granted for **69 Clifton Road** at the November 13<sup>th</sup> hearing. The property at **5 Adella Avenue** was removed from the agenda by the current owner. Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Katy Holmes at 617.796.1143 or [kholmes@newtonma.gov](mailto:kholmes@newtonma.gov).**
- **Zoning Board of Appeals:** The Board will meet on **Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers to hear the following: **#9-14**, from Julia Talcott and James Meigs of 74 Elmhurst Road, for **80 Elmhurst Road**, requesting a variance of 1.3 feet from the side yard setback requirement in order to legalize an existing roof canopy overhang over a bulkhead stairway; **#10-14** from Myrtle Village, LLC, for the issuance of a Comprehensive Permit to develop 7 apartments on land located at **12 & 18-20 Curve Street**; **#6-14**, from 135 Wells Avenue, LLC applying for the issuance of a Comprehensive Permit authorizing the construction of 334 apartment-style rental units on land located at **135 Wells Avenue**. We anticipate the Wells Avenue application will not be heard at this meeting and will be continued to December 9, 2014. **Contact Diane Vezeau at 617.796.1061 or [dvezeau@newtonma.gov](mailto:dvezeau@newtonma.gov).**
- **Community Preservation Committee:** On the evening of **Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** the CPC will hold a **public hearing** on the full proposal for **Waban Hill Reservoir** (Chestnut Hill, \$1,073,446 requested for land acquisition and improvements). The **Proposals & Projects** page of the website, **[www.newtonma.gov/cpa](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa)**, includes a link to the proposal and attachments. Written comments received by **December 1<sup>st</sup>** can be included in the CPC's pre-meeting packet. **For assistance, please contact Alice Ingerson at 617.796.1144 or [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov).**